

**In the claims:**

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4. (Amended) A Method according claim 1 wherein the solid porous particles are kieselguhr or perlite particles or mixtures thereof.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the sold porous particles are diatomaceous earth particles.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the pore size is in the range 0.6 to 6 microns.

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the pore size is in the range 0.6 to 1.5 microns.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the depth filter has a thickness of 2 to 5 mm.

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10. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the natural product is a protein.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the aqueous liquid comprises a blood plasma product.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein the blood plasma product is selected from the group consisting of albumin, an immunoglobulin, Factor IX, thrombin, fibronectin, fibrinogen, Factor VIII, Factor II, Factor VII, Factor IX, and Factor X.